SENATE No. 1486

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James B. Eldridge

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act Relative to Tampering with Water Company Meters.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester
David M. Nangle	17th Middlesex
George N. Peterson, Jr.	9th Worcester
Christopher J. Donelan	2nd Franklin
John F. Quinn	9th Bristol
James Arciero	2nd Middlesex
Thomas A. Golden, Jr.	16th Middlesex
John J. Binienda	17th Worcester
Richard J. Ross	9th Norfolk
Anne M. Gobi	5th Worcester
Paul McMurtry	11th Norfolk
Alice Hanlon Peisch	14th Norfolk

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO TAMPERING WITH WATER COMPANY METERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Section 1. Section 11 of Chapter 165 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the words
- 2 "not more than one hundred dollars" and inserting in place thereof the following words:-- "triple the
- 3 amount of damages sustained thereby or one thousand dollars, whichever is greater" and by adding at the
- 4 end of thereof the following new sentence:- "Damages shall include the value of the water used and the
- 5 cost of labor and equipment repair and replacement."